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Ontario's Forest Sector Looking for Certainty OFIA to Present Pre-Budget Recommendations in Thunder Bay

Jamie Lim, President and CEO of the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA), will be presenting the OFIA's 2011 Pre-Budget recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs at 9:00 am on January 26, 2011 in Thunder Bay at the Travelodge Hotel Airline and in Timmins on January 27, 2011 at Cedar Meadows.

The OFIA 2011 Pre-Budget submission (available on request – see below) emphasizes the need for all facets of the Ontario government to embrace a wood culture that recognizes that the sustainable use of wood fosters economic prosperity in communities throughout our province and tackles climate change.

“I need to explain why an investment in today's forest sector is a wise investment”

Excerpt from OFIA 2011 Pre-Budget Presentation

“Business runs on certainty, and that certainty cannot be achieved in Ontario without practical public policy”

Excerpt from OFIA 2011 Pre-Budget Presentation

Key Facts

- Ontario's forest sector supports 200,000 direct and indirect jobs in over 260 Ontario communities
- Ontario forest sector wages and salaries have been recently calculated at \$2.7 billion
- Ontario's forest sector accounts for approximately \$14 billion in sales, billions more in related economic activity, more than \$4 billion in exports and about \$2.3 billion in taxes to all three orders of government.

Jamie Lim will be available for questions at both the Thunder Bay and Timmins sessions. For additional media enquiries please contact Scott Jackson at (416) 368-6188.

Media representatives can obtain copies of the OFIA Pre-Budget submission by calling (416) 368-6188.